

R.E.H.S. Eligibility Questions

1. What does R.E.H.S. stand for?

A. Registered Environmental Health Specialist.

2. What do I need to do to become a R.E.H.S.?

A. The **minimum** requirement is to have a Bachelor's degree from a 4-year college with at least 30-semester units or 45-quarter units in science (i.e.: chemistry, biology, microbiology, physics.)

3. What is the Letter of Eligibility that I need in order to apply for the R.E.H.S. Trainee position?

A. If you meet the minimum requirements and have a Bachelor's degree with at least 30-semester units or 45-quarter units in science, you must fill out an Application for Evaluation and send it to the State Department of Health Services along with \$95.00. All official college transcripts, the Application for Transcript Evaluation and the required fee must be sent to CPS. It will take approximately 4 weeks to review the transcripts and receive the Letter of Eligibility from the State. **(both forms are in the packet)**

4. I have a Master's degree in Environmental Health. Do I still need to have my transcripts reviewed?

A. Yes, all applicants must go through this process in order to receive the Letter of Eligibility.

5. I received my undergraduate degree from a foreign country. Does CPS review my transcripts?

A. All foreign transcripts must be reviewed first by a credentials evaluation service.
(a list of evaluation services is contained in the packet)

6. What does the Letter of Eligibility say?

A. The key phrase is, "*You are eligible to commence working as an Environmental Health Specialist trainee.*" Depending on your educational background, the Letter of Eligibility will place you in one of five categories. Each category has a different requirement of training and experience hours. There may also be additional college classes you must complete. If you are hired as a trainee, you have three years in which to complete your education, training and experience. You then become eligible to sit for the State R.E.H.S. exam.

7. What is the R.E.H.S. exam?

A. It is a 260-question state exam given each March, July and November in Los Angeles and Sacramento and covers a wide range of environmental health topics. All education, training and experience hours must be completed before taking the R.E.H.S. exam.

8. How may I receive the packet of information you have?

A. You may come by our office and pick it up from our receptionist or if you live out of the area we will mail it to you.